

Olympics

Phelps swims to two more golds, Ledecky adds one

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RIO DE JANEIRO — Good old Michael Phelps, golden again.

For teenagers Katie Ledecky and Simone Biles, their star turns in the Summer Olympics might be just beginning.

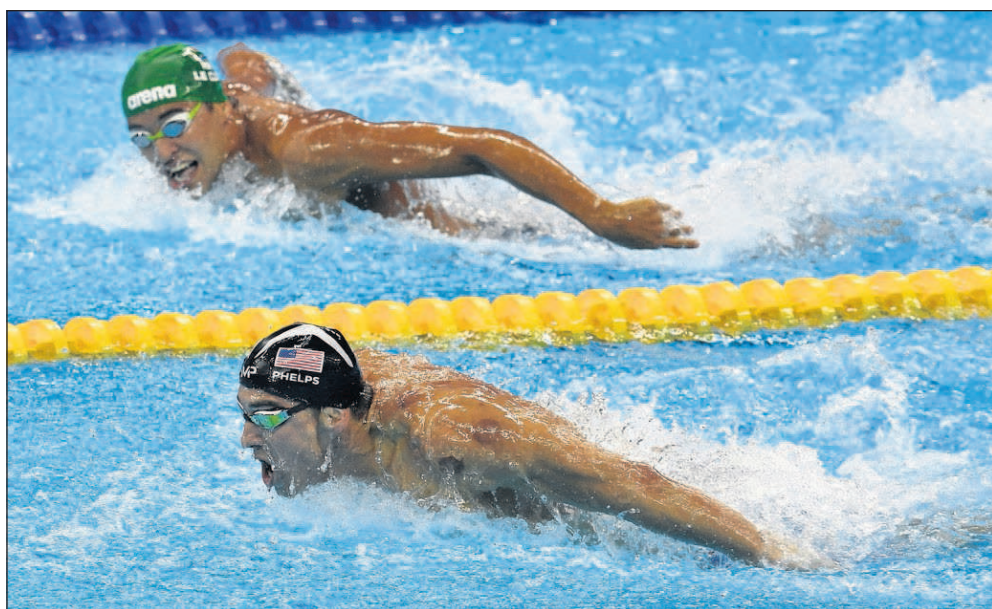
From the pool to the gymnastics floor, Team USA had nice day at the Rio de Janeiro Games.

Not all the American stars were winners Tuesday, though. Serena Williams lost on the tennis court and the U.S. women's soccer team gave up a late goal and ended up in a draw with Colombia.

But a new generation of U.S. athletes is ready to take up the banner of Olympic standard-bearer from Phelps, a grizzled veteran at 31.

Phelps earned his 20th career gold medal after taking the 200-meter butterfly. He erased the bad memories from his loss in the same race in London to South African Chad le Clos.

Phelps got off to a rousing start at the Rio Games by



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South Africa's Chad le Clos, top, looks to United States' gold medal winner Michael Phelps in the men's 200-meter butterfly final during the swimming competitions at the 2016 Summer Olympics, Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2016, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

leading his 4x100 freestyle team to the gold medal on Sunday.

On Tuesday, Phelps' face bared a familiar scowl as he walked out on to the deck. He held off Japan's Masato Sakai by four-hundredths of a second, with Hungary's Tamas Kenderesi taking the

bronze.

His 21st gold came later Tuesday night after swimming the anchor leg on the 4x200-meter relay.

Ledecky strode atop the medal podium again with a bright smile after taking gold for winning the 200-meter freestyle. Sarah Sjostrom of

Sweden claimed the silver and Emma McKeon of Australia took the bronze.

Ledecky, just 19, won her second gold. At this pace, she could challenge Phelps' medal haul someday.

Other highlights from Day 4 at the Rio Games: SOUR SERENA :

Williams shanked shots all over the court in getting upset by Elina Svitolina of Ukraine. The top-ranked American won't get a chance to defend the gold she won in London. Williams looked out of sorts and irritated, accumulating 37 unforced errors. She had five double-faults in one game alone in the 6-4, 6-3 loss to the 20th-ranked Svitolina. Williams wiped her forehead, picked up her rackets and headed back quickly to the locker room. Svitolina, who had never before played in an Olympics, smiled and stuck her arms out in front of her, palms up, as if waking up from a dream.

ON THE PITCH : Catalina Usme beat U.S. goalie Hope Solo on a pair of free kicks to draw Colombia to a 2-2 tie with the United States. The first, in the 26th minute, was Colombia's first ever Olympic goal, and first ever goal against the United States. Team USA still emerged at the top of Group G of the women's soccer tournament and will play in the quarterfinals.

Host country Brazil played to a 0-0 draw with South Africa. The Brazilians had already secured a spot in the women's soccer quarterfinals before their match. The team and star Marta have drawn more attention while Brazil's men have struggled at the Olympics. The women's team will face Australia in a quarterfinal match on Friday.

RUGBY STUNNER : Sonny Bill Williams was helped off with an ankle injury during New Zealand's shocking 14-12 loss to Japan in its first game of rugby sevens. New Zealand is a 12-time world series champion and one of the top contenders for the first rugby medals awarded at an Olympics in 92 years.

PELE IMPROVING: Pele tweeted that he hopes to appear at the closing ceremony after missing the opening because of his health. The soccer great was the organizers' preferred choice to light the cauldron, but first cited sponsorship commitments and later health concerns for staying away.

GYMNASTICS: United States goes mistake-free in road to gold

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73-year-old is stepping down after the games. Watching from the front row of the Rio Olympic Arena in a red jumpsuit, Karolyi watched perhaps her greatest team seem totally immune to the pressure.

Maybe that's because for Hernandez, Biles, Gabby Douglas, Madison Kocian and Aly Raisman, the meets are the fun part of their jobs. The toughest competitions happen in quiet at the regular training camps Karolyi carefully oversees. When the lights come on, it's time to let loose.

Biles admitted there were nerves before Sunday's preliminaries, though it hardly looked like it while the Americans posted the highest score by more than nine points. The only moment of tension on Tuesday came early. When Hernandez was introduced to the crowd, Raisman

nudged her and told her to wave, which the 16-year-old did with a toothy smile.

Barely five minutes later, the youngest member of Team USA was all business. Her double-twisting Yurchenko — basically a roundoff into a pair of twists — put the machine in motion. Raisman, who won three medals in London four years ago and seemed to be on the outside looking in as recently as this spring, followed with perhaps the finest vault of her long career. When Biles drilled her Amanar and put up a 15.933 — the highest of the night — the U.S. was already on top of the leaderboard.

Yet it's not just enough for Karolyi for her team to win. She stopped measuring the Americans against everyone else long ago. Karolyi wants there to be no doubt. And there wasn't.

The U.S. went through 28

rotations over two days, just like the other seven teams that made the team final.

Unlike the other seven, the Americans didn't slip off uneven bars. They didn't hop off balance beams. It's that ability to avoid mistakes when it counts that's as much a testament to Karolyi's meticulous preparation as their dynamic and unparalleled gymnastics.

While the gold was never in doubt, you wouldn't have known about it by watching Karolyi. She clutched the white railing in front of her during Biles' floor routine, nodding with approval with each gravity-escaping tumbling pass.

Russia, which wasn't sure it would even be included in the games until just days before the opening ceremonies as the IOC and sport federations sorted out punishments for a national doping scandal, won silver. China took bronze.

POOL WATER: Cause behind sudden color change still unknown

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lagoons, not the pools.

A statement from Olympic organizers said water tests were conducted and there was no risk to athletes. They couldn't explain the color change, but said it's being investigated.

"We don't know exactly what happened," organizing committee spokesman Mario Andrada said. "And we don't know yet why the pool changed colors.

"If it were green and yellow, we would know it was a patriotic thing," Andrada joked, referring to Brazil's national colors. "We did test the water using the same parameters we do every day, and the results were the same as we got when the pool was blue."

Canada team leader Mitch Geller suspected the cause was algae that multiplied quickly in the day's warm and sunny conditions.

"Everybody was scratching their heads going, 'What's going on?'" he said. "I think that the filter is busted, but I'm not sure. It's not really dangerous. It's not like it's toxic or dirty or any of that. It seemed to get worse over the course of the competition."

The kale-colored water wasn't just a cosmetic nuisance; it was so dark that divers couldn't see the bottom of the pool.

Chen Ruolin, who teamed to win gold with Liu Huixia, said it didn't affect them.

Paola Espinosa of Mexico, competing in her fourth Olympics, noticed the pool getting increasingly darker throughout the six-round competition. But she said the water didn't smell or affect her skin.

"I haven't seen anything like it before," Espinosa said. "But it's Brazil and everything is green down

here, so maybe it was a decoration to make it look pretty."

American Jessica Parratto wears contacts and said the water didn't burn her eyes.

Bronze medalists Meaghan Benfeito and Roseline Filion of Canada tried not to laugh as they gazed at the water from atop the 33-foot tower. They liked that the dark green color offered a helpful contrast with the blue sky.

"The only thing we said is don't open your mouth in the water, just in case," Benfeito said.

Geller said a Canadian pool expert was coming in Wednesday and he would offer to help Rio organizers chemically treat the water if there's a problem with the filter.

"I don't know what it's going to look like tomorrow," he said. "I hope it's not a swamp."

SCOREBOARD

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ON TELEVISION

TODAY
NBC — Men's Beach Volleyball - Gibb/Patterson (U.S.) vs. Herrera/Gavira (Spain) (LIVE); Men's Water Polo - U.S. vs. France (LIVE); Swimming - Qualifying Heats (LIVE); Women's Volleyball - U.S. vs. Serbia (LIVE); Women's Cycling - Road Race Time Trial; Canoe/Kayak - Whitewater Gold Medal Final; Rowing - Gold Medal Finals, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Women's Beach Volleyball - Walsh/Jennings/Ross (U.S.) vs. Forrer/Verge-Depre (Switzerland) (LIVE); Swimming (LIVE): Men's 200m Breaststroke - Gold Medal Final, Women's 100m Freestyle - Semifinals, Men's 200m Backstroke - Semifinals, Women's 200m Butterfly - Gold Medal Final, Men's 100m Freestyle - Gold Medal Final, Women's 200m Breaststroke - Semifinals, Men's 200m Individual Medley - Semifinals, Women's 4x200m Freestyle Relay - Gold Medal Final; Men's Gymnastics - Individual All-Around Gold Medal Final, 8 p.m.-Midnight; Men's Diving - Springboard Synchronized Gold Medal Final, 12:35-1:35 a.m.

NBCSN — Women's Cycling - Road Race Time Trial (LIVE); Men's Cycling - Road Race Time Trial (LIVE); Men's Soccer - Argentina vs. Honduras (LIVE); Men's Fencing - Individual Sabre Qualifying; Women's Basketball - U.S. vs. Serbia (LIVE); Women's Field Hockey - U.S. vs. Japan (LIVE); Women's Table Tennis - Singles Semifinals; Men's Basketball - U.S. vs. Australia (LIVE); Boxing - Elimination Matches; Men's Fencing - Individual Sabre Gold Medal Final; Men's Soccer - Denmark vs. Brazil (LIVE); Women's Table Tennis - Singles Final, 7:30 a.m.-Midnight

USA — Beach Volleyball - Preliminary Round; Women's Handball - Brazil vs. Spain; Archery - Individual Eliminations (LIVE); Men's Rugby - Preliminary Round (LIVE); Men's Basketball - Serbia vs. France (LIVE); Beach Volleyball - Preliminary Round (LIVE); Men's Shooting - Double Trap Gold Medal Finals; Men's Rugby - Quarterfinals (LIVE), 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

MSNBC — Beach Volleyball - Preliminary Round (LIVE); Men's Water Polo - Montenegro vs. Italy; Women's Table Tennis - Singles Semifinal; Men's Soccer - South Korea vs. Mexico (LIVE), Noon-5 p.m.

CNBC — Men's Rugby - Quarterfinals (LIVE); Archery - Individual Eliminations; Women's Fencing - Individual Foil Gold Medal Final (LIVE); Sailing, 5-8 p.m.

GOLF CHANNEL — Golf Central Live From the Olympics, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. & 6-8 p.m.

BRAVO — Tennis (LIVE), 9:30 a.m.-10 p.m.

NBC BASKETBALL CHANNEL — Men's Basketball - Serbia vs. France, Australia vs. U.S. (LIVE), Venezuela vs. China (LIVE); Women's Basketball - China vs. Spain (LIVE), China vs. Spain encore, U.S. vs. Serbia (LIVE), Senegal vs. Canada, 11-15 a.m.-11:15 p.m.

NBC SOCCER CHANNEL — Men's Soccer - Argentina vs. Honduras (LIVE), Algeria vs. Portugal, South Korea vs. Mexico (LIVE), Germany vs. Fiji, Japan vs. Sweden (LIVE), Colombia vs. Nigeria, Denmark vs. Brazil (LIVE), Algeria vs. Portugal encore, Germany vs. Fiji encore, Colombia vs. Nigeria encore, Russia vs. Iraq, Noon-5 a.m.

TELEMUNDO — News Recap; Men's Soccer - Argentina vs. Honduras; Boxing - Elimination Matches; Men's Soccer - South Korea vs. Mexico (LIVE), 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

NBC UNIVERSO — Men's Soccer - South Korea vs. Mexico (LIVE); Boxing - Elimination Matches; Men's Soccer - Colombia vs. Nigeria, Denmark vs. Brazil, 2:30-11 p.m.

Tuesday's scores and results

SOCCER

Women

Australia 6, Zimbabwe 1

Canada 2, Germany 1

Colombia 2, United States 2

France 3, New Zealand 0

South Africa 0, Brazil 0

China 0, Sweden 0

SWIMMING

Men

200m Butterfly Final

1. Michael Phelps, United States, 1:53.36

2. Masato Sakai, Japan, 1:53.40

3. Tamas Kenderesi, Hungary, 1:53.62

4x200m Freestyle Relay Final

1. United States (Ryan Lochte; Francis Haas; Connor Dwyer; Michael Phelps), 7:00.66

2. Britain (Stephen Milne; Duncan Scott; Dan Wallace; James Guy), 7:03.13

3. Japan (Kosuke Hagino; Yuki Kobori; Naito Ebara; Takeshi Matsuda), 7:03.50

Women

200m Freestyle Final

1. Kathleen Ledecky, United States, 1:53.73

2. Sarah Sjostrom, Sweden, 1:54.08

3. Emma McKeon, Australia, 1:54.92

200m Individual Medley Final

1. Katalina Hosszu, Hungary, 2:06.58

2. Siobhan-Marie O'Connor, Britain, 2:06.88

3. Madeline Dirado, United States, 2:08.79

4. Melanie Margalis, United States, 2:09.21

DIVING

Women's Synchronized 10m Platform Final

1. China (Huixia Liu; Ruolin Chen), 354.00

2. Malaysia (Jun Hoong Cheong; Pande-la Rinong Pang), 344.34

3. Canada (Meaghan Benfeito; Roseline Filion), 336.18

7. United States (Amelia Cozad; Jessica Parratto), 301.02

WATER POLO

Women

Hungary 13, China 11

Italy 9, Brazil 3

United States 11, Spain 4

Australia 14, Russia 4

GYMNASTICS

Women's Team Final

1. United States (Simone Biles; Lauren Hernandez; Alexandra Raisman; Gabrielle Douglas; Madison Kocian), 184.897

2. Russia (Angelina Melnikova; Maria Paseka; Seda Turkhanian; Aliya Mustafina; Dana Spiridonova), 176.888

3. China (Yilin Fan; Chunsong Shang; Yan Wang; Yi Mao; Jiaxin Tan), 176.003

VOLLEYBALL

Men

Argentina 3, Russia 1 (25-18, 18-25, 25-18, 25-21)

France 3, Mexico 0 (25-18, 25-12, 25-22)

Italy 3, United States 1 (28-26, 20-25, 25-23, 25-23)

Poland 3, Iran 2 (25-17, 25-23, 23-25, 20-25, 18-16)

Egypt 3, Cuba 0 (25-22, 25-15, 25-22)

Brazil 3, Canada 1 (24-26, 25-18, 25-22, 25-17)

BEACH VOLLEYBALL

Men

Phil Dalhausser and Nicholas Lucena, United States, def. Rodolfo Lombardo Ontiveros Gomez and Juan Ramon Virgen Puledo, Mexico, 21-14, 21-17

Paolo Nicolai and Daniele Lupo, Italy, def. Chaoib Belhaj Salah and Mohamed Arafat Naceur, Tunisia, 21-17, 21-13

Pool D

Ben Saxton and Chaim Schalk, Canada, def. Evandro Goncalves Oliveira Junior and Pedro Solberg, Brazil, 17-21, 21-18, 16-14

Nivaldo Nadhir Diaz Gomez and Sergio Reynaldo Gonzalez Bayard, Cuba, def. Janis Smedins and Aleksandra Samoilovs, Latvia

23-21, 19-21, 15-9.

Pool E

Reinder Nummerdor and Christiaan Varenhorst, Netherlands, def. Grzegorz Fijalek and Mariusz Prudel, Poland, 21-17, 19-21, 16-9

Vladislav Kraslinikov and Konstantin Semenov, Russia, def. Marco Grimalt and Esteban Grimalt, Chile, 21-17, 21-14

Women

Pool A

Monika Brzostek and Kinga Koloskina, Poland, def. Evgenia Ukolova and Ekaterina Birlova, Russia, 21-19, 21-18

Laissaa Franca Maestrini and Talita Rocha, Brazil, def. Lauren Fendrick and Brooke Sweet, United States, 21-16, 21-13

Marta Menegatti and Laura Giombini, Italy, def. Doaa Elghobashi and Nada Meawad, Egypt, 21-10, 21-13

Karla Borger and Kira Walkenhorst, Germany, def. Jamie Lynn Broder and Kristina Valjas, Canada, 21-17, 21-11

Pool B

Heidi Diethelm Gerber, Switzerland, def. Sophie van Gestel and Jantine van der Vlist, Netherlands, 21-19, 21-14

Heather Bansley and Sarah Pavan, Canada, def. Joana Heidrich and Nadine Zumkehr, Switzerland, 21-18, 21-18

EQUESTRIAN

Eventing Individual Final

1. Michael Jung (SAM FBW), Germany, 40.90

2. Astier Nicolas (PIAF DE B'NEVILLE), France, 42.00

3. Phillip Dutton (MIGHTY NICE), United States, 43.60

Other Americans

16. Boyd Martin (BLACKFOOT MYSTERY), United States, 47.70

49. Clark Montgomery (LOUGHAN GLEN), United States, 46.60

59. Lauren Kieffer (VERONICA), United States, 47.30

Eventing Team Final

1. France, 169.00 (Karim Laghouag, EN-TEBBE; Thibaut Vallette, QING DU BRLOT; Matthieu Lemoine, BART L; Astier Nicolas, PIAF DE B'NEVILLE)

2. Germany, 172.80 (Julia Krajewski, SAMOURAI DU THOT; Sandra Auffarth, OPGUN LOUVO; Stuart Tinney, PLUTO MIO; QALIFIED; Stuart Tinney, PLUTO MIO; Sam Griffiths, PAULANK BROCKAGH; Christopher Burton, SANTANO II)

12. United States, 1108.70 (Clark Montgomery, LOUGHAN GLEN; Lauren Kieffer, VERONICA; Boyd Martin, BLACKFOOT MYSTERY; Phillip Dutton, MIGHTY NICE)

SHOOTING

Women's 25m Pistol Bronze Medal

Heidi Diethelm Gerber, Switzerland, def. Jingjing Zhang, China, 8-4

Gold Medal

Anna Korakaki, Greece, def. Monika Karsch, Germany, 8-6

JUDO

Men -81 kg Bronze Medal A

Sergiu Toma, United Arab Emirates, def. Matteo Marconcini, Italy, Ippon, Sumi-gaeshi, 2:16

Bronze Medal B

Takanori Nagase, Japan, def. Avtandil Tokrishvili, Georgia, Yuko, Uchi-mata, 5:00

Gold Medal

Khasan Khalmutzayev, Russia, def. Travis Stevens, United States, Ippon, Uchi-mata, 2:42

Women -63 kg Bronze Medal A

Yarden Gerbi, Israel, def. Miku Tashiro, Japan, Wazari, Ouchi-gaeshi, 4:00

Bronze Medal B

Anicka van Emden, Netherlands, def.

Mariana Silva, Brazil, Yuko, Ippon-seoi-nage, 4:00

Gold Medal

Tina Trstenjak, Slovenia, def. Clarisse Abgbenou, France, Ippon, Kuzure-kami-shiho-gatame, 1:45

ARCHERY

Men's Individual 1/16 Eliminations

Atanu Das, India, def. Adrian Andres Puentes Perez, Cuba, 6-4

Seungyun Lee, South Korea, def. Miguel Alvarino Garcia, Spain, 7-1

Ricardo Soto, Chile, def. Bernardo Oliveira, Brazil, 7-1

Taylor Worth, Australia, def. Elias Malave, Venezuela, 6-4

Brady Ellison, United States, def. Jake Kaminski, United States, 6-2

Women's Individual 1/16 Eliminations

Inna Stepanova, Russia, def. Ksenia Perova, Russia, 7-3

Hui Cao, China, def. Tuiana Dashdorzhia, Russia, 6-4

Naomi Folkard, Britain, def. Kaori Kawana-ka, Japan, 6-0

Lin Ju Kang, North Korea, def. Christine Bjerrndal, Sweden, 6-2